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The Eagles open their season Sept. 5 at West Virginia.
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DALLAS – Georgia Southern junior running back [Matt Breida](#) has been named a candidate for the 2015 Doak Walker Award, it was announced today by the PwC SMU Athletic Forum. The award is given to the nation's best running back, and Wisconsin's Melvin Gordon won it in 2014.

Breida is one of three semifinalists from last season who are candidates again this year, joining James Conner (Pittsburgh) and Devon Johnson (Marshall).

Breida led both the nation and Sun Belt in rushing yards per carry at 8.7 and ranked at the top of the Sun Belt rushing chart at 123.8 yards per game last season. He had more rushing touchdowns of 50-yards or more than anyone in the nation (7) and had the second-highest rushing touchdowns in the league with 17. He finished with 1,485 yards en route to earning first-team All-Sun Belt accolades.

Breida checked in at sixth on the 2015 list of College Football's 15 most explosive athletes, compiled by Mike Huguenin of NFL.com. He has been named a preseason first team All-Sun Belt selection in Phil Steele's and Athlon Sports college football previews and was named to the Maxwell Award Watch List.

The PwC SMU Athletic Forum Board of Directors will name ten semifinalists Nov. 18, and the Doak Walker Award National Selection Committee will cast votes to determine the three finalists, who will be announced Nov. 24. The committee will cast a second vote beginning Nov. 30 to determine the recipient. The National Selection Committee consists of past recipients, former NFL All-Pro and college All-America running backs, media members and selected special representatives.

The recipient of the 2015 Doak Walker Award will be announced live on The Home Depot College Football Awards Thursday, Dec. 10, on ESPN. The Doak Walker Award Presentation Banquet will be held in Dallas in early 2016.

The award, which will name its 26th recipient in 2015, is named for SMU's three-time All-America running back Doak Walker. It is the only major collegiate award that requires all candidates to be in good academic standing and on schedule to graduate within one year of other students of the same classification.

Georgia Southern won the 2014 Sun Belt title in its first season in the league, finishing 8-0 in the conference and 9-3 overall. The Eagles return 58 lettermen and 13 starters to the 2015 squad.

Fans can purchase 2015 season tickets and select their seats online, by calling 1-800-GSU-WINS or by visiting the ticket office in the Cowart Building adjacent to Paulson Stadium (203 Lanier Drive). Ticket office hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Season tickets prices start as low as \$75 for all six games, and seats that do not require a donation are available from \$135-145 per seat.

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